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REMARKS

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1. Between 21 September and 2 October 1953, almost no activity was observed at the Gentzrode troop training grounds of the Neuruppin post, while heavy vehicular traffic was seen on the Neuruppin-Katerbow road. Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 21 September, trucks were seen en route toward Katerbow; between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on 22 September, they were followed by 1 armored personnel carrier, 1 armored scout car, T-34 tanks; and trucks and, at 11 a.m. on 28 September, by JS tank and T-34 tanks. At about 3 p.m. on 1 October, about 100 trucks, towing about 20 to 25 AT guns were seen proceeding toward Neuruppin.

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2. Between 1 and 3 October, loadings observed in Neuruppin included: 10 shipments, including 4 of at least 20 T-34 tanks each, 2 shipments of 15 x 120-mm mortars each; 2 shipments of guns, presumably 122-mm guns; 1 shipment of at least 7 M-13 rocket launchers; and 1 shipment of motor vehicles. Each shipment included 4 to 5 boxcars occupied by troops.

1. Comment. Units of the 12th Gds Tank Div may have conducted exercises at the post training grounds west of Gentzrode and vicinity, between 21 and 28 September. Most of the motor vehicle and tank belong to the division. As these movements were observed much earlier than the exercises of the 9th Gds Tank Div, which were held in the Mirow-Rheinsberg-Neuruppin area between 27 and 30 September, the two exercises do not appear to have been connected with each other.

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2. Comment. [redacted] units of the 9th Gds Tank Div, which conducted the exercises mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report. 50X1-HUM

Earlier information indicates that, among other units, the 495th (?) Arty Regt [redacted], the 234th Mort Regt and the 126th Gds RL Bn of the division participated in the exercises. 50X1-HUM

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